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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Udo Gruber et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/663,582  
Filed : September 18, 2000  
Title : Fiber-Bundle-Reinforced Composite Material  
Having a Ceramic Matrix, Method for  
Manufacturing a Composite Material and Method  
for Manufacturing Elements Formed of a  
Composite Material  
Examiner : Camie S. Thompson  
Group Art Unit : 1774

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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Responsive to the final Office action dated September 5, 2002,  
kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 8.